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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT &
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Preliminary Amendment

Please cancel claims 1-18, and 20- 53 without prejudice. Please amend claim 19 as follows:

19. (Amended) A method comprising:

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- a) contacting a polypeptide that comprises the sequence of SEQ ID NO:12, or a cell expressing a polypeptide that comprises the sequence of SEQ ID NO:12 with a test compound; and
 - b) determining whether the polypeptide binds to the test compound.

Please add the following new claims:

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- 54. The method of claim 19 wherein the contacting is in vitro.

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55. The method of claim 19 wherein the contacting comprises contacting a cell expressing the polypeptide.

56. The method of claim 19 wherein the determining comprises directly detecting test compound/polypeptide binding.

57. The method of claim 19 wherein the determining comprises a competition binding assay.

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B147 58. The method of claim 19 wherein the determining comprises an assay for 14094-mediated proteolysis.

59. The method of claim 19 wherein the test compound comprises a peptide.

60. The method of claim 19 wherein the test compound is fluorescently labeled.

61. The method of claim 19 wherein the test compound is a member of biological library.

62. The method of claim 19 wherein the test compound is attached to a bead. --

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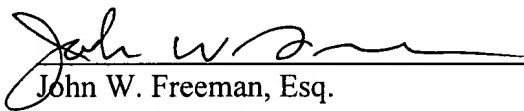
Response to Restriction Requirement

Responsive to the action mailed November 27, 2001, applicant elects the invention of Group VI, drawn to a method of identifying a compound that binds to a polypeptide. The election is made without traverse. Claims 1-18 and 21-53 are canceled for being members of unelected groups.

Also enclosed are a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, a Petition for Extension of Time, and a \$400 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing attorney docket number 10448-046002.

Respectfully submitted,

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